

REMARKS

The indication that claims 3 and 9-10 have been allowed and that claims 8 and 14 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 8 and claim 13 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 14. Claims 2, 4-8, 11-12, and 14 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

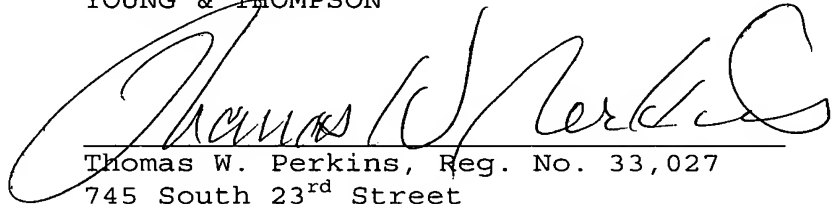
Claims 1-2 were rejected as anticipated by SELCUK 5,825,175. Claim 13 was rejected as anticipated by HAGMANN et al. 6,566,854. Claims 4 and 11 were rejected as unpatentable over SELCUK in view of GILBERT 2,958,036. Claims 5 and 12 were rejected as unpatentable over SELCUK in view of GILBERT and WARNER 2,175,046. Claim 6 was rejected as unpatentable over SELCUK in view of HAGMANN et al. Claim 7 was rejected as unpatentable over SELCUK in view of KAWAGUCHI et al. 5,103,164. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested because the rejected claims have been canceled or amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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